THE SPEECH OF Maj. Gen. Harison,

UPON

His Arraignment, Tryal, and Condemnation;

WITH

The Sentence of Death pronounced against him, To be Hang'd, Drawn, and Quarter'd.

As also the Speeches of Alderman Tichburn, *Hugh Peters*, Col. *Axtel*, and Col. *Lilburn*;

At the Sessions House in the Old Bayley, before the most Honourable Lords, and others His Majesties Commissioners of *Oyer* and *Terminer*;

Upon the reading of the Charge and Indictment of High-Treason, That they had Wilfully, Maliciously, and Trayterously, Advised, Abetted, Assisted, Contrived, and Compassed the Death of our late Dread Soveraign *Charles* the First by the Grace of God of ever blessed Memory King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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The Speech of Major Gen. Harriſon, Sir Hardreſs Waller, and Hugh Peters, at Juſtice-Hall in the Old-Bayley; upon the reading of the Bills of Indictment, &c.

THe Bill of Indictment being (on Tueſday laſt) read at Hicks-Hall, againſt thoſe unjuſt Judges, who contriv'd, arraign'd ſentenc'd, and executed that moſt vertuous Prince our late Soverain King Charles the Firſt of ever bleſſed Memory; And the ſaid Bill being found by the Grand Jury of Knights and Gentlemen of quality of the County of Middleſex, on Wedneſday (Octob. 10.) Twenty eight of thoſe whom the Grand Jury had found, were brought from the Tower to Juſtice Hall in the Old Bayley before the moſt honorable Lords, and other His Majeſties Commiſſioners of Oyer & Terminer; the names of the Priſoners were,

Sir Hardreſs Waller,
Thomas Harriſon,
Robert Tichburne,
William Heveningham,
Henry Marten,
Robert Lilburne,

John Carew,	*Thomas Scot*,
Iſaac Pennington,	*Gilbert Millington*,
Owen Roe,	*Adrian Scroop*,
John Jones,	*Gregory Clemont*,
John Cook,	*Edmund Harvey*,
Henry Smith,	*Vincent Potter*,
John Downs,	*Auguſtine Garland*,
George Fleetwood,	*James Temple*,
Thomas Wait,	*Francis Hacker*,
Simon Meye,	*Peter Temple*,
Hugh Peters,	*Daniel Axtel.*

The Court being ſate, called three Priſoners to the Bar, *viz.* Sir *Hardreſs Waller*, Col. *Harriſon*, *William Hevenningham*. The firſt was Sir *Hardreſs Waller*, which with the two others were indicted to this purpoſe following:

That they together with *Oliver Cromwel*, *Henry Ireton*, *Robert Tutchbourn*, *Iſaac Pennington*, *Robert Lilburn*, *John Hewſon* late of the City of *Weſtminſter* Shoo-maker, *&c.* had Wilfully, Maliciouſly, and Traterouſly, Adviſed, Abetted, Aſſiſted, Contrived, and Compaſſed the Death of Our late Dread Soveraign *CHARLES* the Firſt, by the Grace of God of ever bleſſed Memory, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

Sir *Hardreſs Waller* began to excuſe his long being out of England, and unacquaintance with Engliſh affairs; But being bid to anſwer poſitively, whether he was Guilty or not Guilty of the High Treaſon whereof he had been indicted, and then Arraigned, anſwered, Guilty.

The next was Col. *Thomas Hariſon*, who at the firſt refuſed to hold up his Hand, till the Lord Chief *Baron*, Judge *Foſter*,

Forſter, and other Judges told him his duty in that particular: After which, he ſaid, I confeſs it is but a Formality, and therefore I will do it; and ſo held up his Hand: But ſeveral times offered to ſally out into Diſcourſes, refuſing to anſwer Guilty or not Guilty, till the Judges declared the neceſſity of anſwering one of the two, which they were forced to do divers times before he would be brought to give an Anſwer, but at laſt he did, and ſaid, Not Guilty.

William Heveningham anſwered the like; but Col. *George Fleetwood* pleaded Guilty without any demur.

Theſe being diſmiſt, *Iſaac Pennington*, *Henry Marten*, *Gilbert Millington*, *Robert Titchbourn*, *Owen* Roe, *Robert Lilbourn*, were called to the Bar. *Iſaac Penningtons* Age gave him not time to make long Apologies, for he very ſuddenly anſwered not Guilty; ſo did *Gilbert Millington*, and *Owen* Roe.

Henry Marten being the next began to Quibble with the Court, and to deny his name to be mentioned in the Act; whereupon the Court were put to the trouble of calling for the Act of Oblivion, and there read his name; but he anſwered, that his name was *Marten* not *Martin*, as in the Act expreſſed. But being told they knew him to be the Man, let his name be what it would, was bid to anſwer, who then ſaid, not Guilty.

Titchbourn being next, began to excuſe his want of ſkill in Law affairs; pleading, that he was before very Wiſe, Learned, and Judicious Lawyers, and that being unable to plead for himſelf, deſired the Court to aſsign him Counſel to aſſiſt him therein: To which it was anſwered, that he was not yet come to his Tryal, but onely Arraigned; and aſked him Guilty or not Guilty? to which he could not tell what to anſwer; He ſaid he did acknowledge part of the Indictment. But being told he muſt ſay Guilty or not; anſwered, not Guilty. So did *Lilburn* and all the reſt.

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Col. Daniel Axtel desired he might have the liberty of an English-man, that the Law was his Birth right, and so he might lawfully claim it, That he did conceive there was Law in his Case, and so desired to have Councel in it, That he did believe the Parliament—— But there he was bid to plead to the Indictment, Guilty or not Guilty; which after much roving, and being told the danger of standing Mute, he answered, Why then, not Guilty. And being asked by whom he would be tryed, he did not answer; at which one bid him answer, By God and his Countrey. But he answered, he could not do so; For he did not believe God to be there. In conclusion, he said, He would be tryed by the Lord Iesus Christ, and by his Countrey,

Hugh Peters being asked whether he was guilty of the High Treason whereof he was Indicted, he lifted up his hands and eyes, and said; *Guilty?* No not for ten thousand Worlds.

'Tis probable, he may have regret of Conscience, for ushering in his former Doctrines (or rather Blasphemies) of Heresies and Rebellions; and with the Penitent thus contemplate with a fervent Spirit O miserable and wretched Souls, to use such Barbarisme against our Gracious Soveraign, and Protestant Prince; nay the wisest of men and the best of

Princes. O ſad and miſerable are all thoſe who have committed ſuch horrid impiety in the aſſaſſinating of their moſt Gracious Soveraign, that whoſoever heard thereof, it could not but make both his Ears to tingle, his heart to faint, and his knees to tremble. O it was we that in a tumultuous and diſſoyal way made Covenants to oppoſe the King, and countenance that Empoſtreſs Maiden who (pretending to Enthuſiaſmes) perſwaded the People to Rebellion, and blaſphemed Chriſt by the name of Covenanting Ieſus. It was We that was the Cauſe of the late execrable Miſeries throughout the three Kingdoms; Good God what Advocate ſhall We have to plead for Us at the Barre of Gods Iudgement, now thou art calling for us to make an account of theſe things? when Inquiſition is made for blood, and the cry of the Soules under the Altar ſhall obtain their deſired vengeance upon Us. How hath every loyal Breaſt ſhrunk, and every faithful Soul thrill'd at the horror of that fatal blow, which at one ſtroak murdered not onely one Prince, but three Kings in one, the beſt of men, and three Kingdoms, the moſt flouriſhing of all People, and in them the moſt Royal Blood of Imperial Majeſty, the pureſt of all Religions, the juſteſt of all Laws, the wiſeſt Conſtitution of all Governments, and (had we known our own happineſs)

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pineſs) the happieſt of all people? What Tongue of Men or Angels can ſufficiently expreſs the deteſtation of that bloody fact, that ſeparated the beſt of heads from ſo lovely a body? The beſt of Kings from his moſt Loyal Subjects? The beſt of Husbands from a moſt affectionate Wife? The beſt of Fathers from moſt ſweet and dutiful Children? And the beſt of Maſters from Thouſands of moſt happy Servants. In a word, the horridneſs of that tranſcendent impiety was ſuch, that (next to the murdering of our moſt bleſſed Saviour) it was the moſt accurſed act that ever yet was perpetrated upon the face of the Earth.

On Thurſday Major General *Harriſon* was again brought to the Bar, and pleading to his Indictment, after ſo ne time ſpent thereupon, he was brought in Guilty, and received Sentence to be Drawn, Hanged, and Quartered; Upon pronouncing whereof, he ſaid, The Lords Will be done, although ye kill the Body, yet ye cannot hurt the Soul.

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